

TEACH

Like Your Hair's On Fire

The Methods and Madness Inside Room 56

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AN ENTIRE TEXT GEM

“LAUGHTER AND TEARS”

- If young people develop a love of reading, they will have better lives.
- Rafe insists that it is possible to assess a child's reading ability by his or her amount of laughter and tears.
- Think of a book that made you laugh out loud, or that made you cry. Turn and share.

LAUGHING AND CRYING ARE
AUTHENTIC HUMAN EXPRESSIONS.

WHEN A READER DOES EITHER, THEY
UNDERSTAND, THEY MAKE
CONNECTIONS, THEY SEE RELEVANCE.

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- But how can we actually measure this? I mean, we have state standards to meet...
- Create a culture of trust
- Survey your students- know their likes and wants
- Give students choice
- Celebrate (and show) these expressions in your classroom

I AM NOT SMARTER THAN MY STUDENTS.
BUT I KNOW MORE THAN THEY DO
BECAUSE I AM OLDER THAN THEM.

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